



Responsible Office: 100 / Office of the Director

Subject: GSFC Quality Management System (QMS)

1. POLICY

In order to maintain the GSFC tradition of product excellence and to simultaneously enable enhanced attention to cost and schedule, the Center is committed to appropriate process focused activities. A quality management system, built on the premise of universal responsibility for product integrity rather than principally on a series of assurance gates, is a foundation that will enable the Center to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which it ensures meeting its customer requirements.

In order to fulfill that commitment, the Center will utilize a rigorous Quality Management System (QMS) to control product development. That system will be compliant with the provisions of ANSI/ASQC Q9001, *Quality Systems – Model for Quality Assurance in design, Development, Production, Installation, and Servicing*. The GSFC Quality Management System and attendant quality policy and objectives are delineated in GPG 1270.3, *The GSFC Quality Manual*.

2. APPLICABILITY

The QMS applies to the core processes of science enabling, systems development, program/project management, technology development, and mission operations. Products include such deliverable items as hardware, software, documentation, and services. Scientific research, analysis, and algorithm development is excluded.

3. AUTHORITY

NMI 1270.3, NASA Quality Management System Policy (ISO 9000)

4. REFERENCES

ANSI/ASQC Q9001, *Quality Systems – Model for Quality assurance in Design, Development, Production, Installation, and Servicing*

5. CANCELLATION

This Directive cancels GPD 2600, GSFC Quality Management System (QMS).

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